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Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the first Office Action which rejected independent claims 1 and 30 for lack of a proper antecedent basis, and claims 1, 30 and a few of the dependent claims only under §102(b) as being anticipated by Hoover '391.